

EPA *McColl Superfund Site*

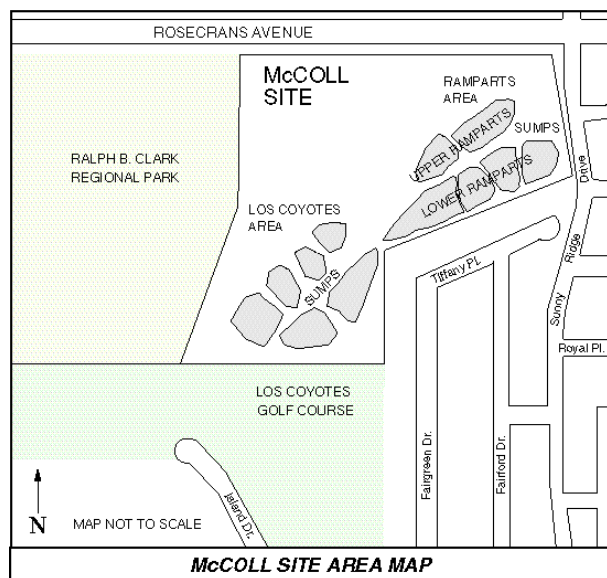
**Fullerton, California
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EPA SELECTS CONTINGENCY REMEDY OF CLOSURE

EPA has selected the contingency solution of closing the McColl Site without performing the solidification in the upper portions of the pits. Determining that closing the McColl Superfund Site with a cap and waste barrier system is the most appropriate remedy of all options considered. EPA has directed the oil companies (the McColl Site Group) to proceed directly to finishing the closure system design.

EPA made the final decision on September 28th after evaluating the results of a full-scale solidification system test performed at the site. Included in the evaluation of the solidification alternative were the technical difficulties of controlling odors, oral and written concerns from the nearby residential community about noise and odors, and the reality that solidification could force a relocation of residents while the work was underway. In addition, the residents expressed concerns about the additional time that the solidification would take (1-2 years).

The closure system will cost approximately \$20-\$25 million to design and construct. Assuming that the McColl Site Group (MSG) continues to work cooperatively with EPA, the design and construction is estimated to take approximately 2-1/2 years to complete. Field activities should begin next summer. Routine collection and cleanup of the surface seeps will continue as in the past.



EPA believes that the closure system fully protects public health and responds to the concerns of the community. To assure long-term site stability, EPA will work with MSG to integrate recent improvements in cap and waste barrier technology, and to design a system that can be monitored, is durable and repairable.

END USE DISCUSSIONS

EPA is focusing attention on the end use of the McColl Superfund Site. The Los Coyotes portion of the site (see site area map below) was formerly part of the Los Coyotes Country Club. The Los Coyotes property is currently owned by the McAuley LCX Corporation. The other portion of the site, called The Ramparts property (see map), was owned by an investment group but is now in default for back taxes. Many residents and the owner of part of the site have expressed an interest in having the end use of the whole site as a golf course.

EPA and interested parties will be meeting in October to discuss possible methods to transfer ownership of the Ramparts property. Transfer of the property for ultimate use as a golf course is supported by the Fullerton Hills Community Association and residents living near the site. A uniform end-use would make operations and maintenance simpler.

Questions or concerns regarding end use can be addressed to:

Fraser Felter
EPA Community Relations Coordinator
U.S. EPA, 75 Hawthorne St., (H-1-1)
San Francisco, CA, 94105-3901
or call toll-free, (800) 231-3075.

U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION NOTIFIED

EPA has sent a letter to the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to notify it that it is potentially liable, along with the oil companies, for cleanup actions taken at the McColl Site. GSA is the current successor to federal agencies that were active during World War II. EPA's general notice letter is based on indications from ongoing litigation that the government's actions in the 1940s may involve GSA. EPA will keep all parties informed about future enforcement activities.

For More Information

Documents for the McColl Superfund Site are located in the information repository at:

Fullerton Public Library
Local History Room
353 W. Commonwealth Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92632
(714) 738-6333

Hours:

Monday - Thursday	10 am - 9 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm
Sunday	Closed

If you have questions about the Superfund cleanup at McColl, please call or write EPA's Community Relations Coordinator for the site:

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75 Hawthorne Street (H-1-1)
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You may also call EPA's toll-free Superfund information number (800) 231-3075 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

Important McColl Superfund Site Telephone Numbers

McColl Security Office	(714) 523-5310
California EPA Public Participation Section	(916) 445-9543
U.S. EPA for odor complaints	(714) 521-6083
U.S. EPA Media Contact: Paula Bruin	(415) 744-1587

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